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THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Monday, the 2nd July 1962.

The House met in the Council Chamber, Fort St. George, at three of the clock, Mr. Chairman (THE HON. DR. P. V. CHERIAN) in the Chair.

I.—EXPRESSION OF SORROW AT THE DEMISE OF DR B. C. ROY, CHIEF MINISTER OF WEST BENGAL, AND SRI PURSHOTTAMDAS TANDON, FORMER SPEAKER OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF UTTAR PRADESH.

MR. CHAIRMAN : It is with deep regret that I have to announce to the House that Dr. B. C. Roy, Chief Minister of West Bengal, suddenly passed away yesterday afternoon at Calcutta. Great as he was as Chief Minister, Dr. Roy was an elder statesman and an eminent physician. An ardent patriot and an able administrator, he made great sacrifices in the cause of Indian Independence and rendered signal service for the good of the nation and the people. In his death, West Bengal in particular and India in general have suffered an irreparable loss.

I shall convey the deep sense of sorrow of this House to the Government of West Bengal and the members of the bereaved family of Dr. Roy.

I also regret to announce to the House the death of Sri Purshottamdas Tandon yesterday forenoon at Allahabad. He was a former Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of Uttar Pradesh. A true patriot as he was, he rendered valuable services and made sacrifices in the Indian Struggle for Independence.

On behalf of this House, I shall convey our deep sense of sorrow to the members of the bereaved family of Sri Tandon.

I request hon. Members to stand in silence for a minute as a mark of respect to late Dr. Roy and Sri Tandon.

Accordingly, all the Members stood in silence for a minute.

II.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

Hindi.

* 65 *Q.*—SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state whether a pass in Hindi also is required to secure eligibility in S.S.L.C. Public Examination from March 1962 onwards?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : No, Sir.

THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Friday, the 6th July 1962.

The House met in the Council Chamber, Fort St. George, at three of the clock, the Deputy Chairman (SRI V. K. PALANISWAMY GOUNDER) in the Chair.

I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

Secondary Schools.

*97 *Q.*—VIDWAN T. MUTHUKANNAPPAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of secondary schools run by (i) the Government and (ii) the private management as on 1st July 1960 in the State; and

(*b*) the number of secondary schools in which Tamil Pandits are handling Tamil from I Form to III Form?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM:—

(*a*) Government Schools—100.

Private Schools—610.

(*b*) Generally Tamil classes are handled by Tamil Pandits in Forms I to III of Secondary schools. Information regarding the actual number of Tamil Pandits employed for the purpose in the schools is not available. The time and labour involved in collecting the particulars will not be commensurate with the public interest that may be served.

வித்துவான் டி. முத்துக்கண்ணப்பன்: ஐயா, முதல் மூன்று படிவங்களிலும் ஆறுவது முதல் எட்டாவது வகுப்பு வரையிலும் மொழி ஆசிரியர்கள் கற்றுக் கொடுத்தால்தான் மொழி தரமாக இருக்கும். ஆதலால், செகண்டரி கிரேடு ஆசிரியர்கள் கற்றுக் கொடுக்கக் கூடாது என்றும், மொழி ஆசிரியர்களே கற்றுக் கொடுக்கவேண்டுமென்றும் அரசாங்கம் விதி உண்டாக்குமா?

கனம் திரு. எம். பக்தவத்சலம்: தமிழ் பண்டிதர்கள் இல்லாவிட்டால், வேறு ஆசிரியர்கள் நியமிக்கப்படுவார்கள்.

(Mr. Chairman in the Chair.)

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY: Are the Government aware, Sir, that Pandits with First Grade qualifications are asked to handle forms I to III and paid the second grade scale of pay and may I know whether there is any proposal before the Government to convert all these posts held by I Grade Pandits as I Grade posts?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: There is no such proposal, Sir.

SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN : Since there are a number of qualified Tamil Pandits available throughout the State, I think there won't be any difficulty in getting Pandits to take up teaching in Forms I to III. Therefore, would the Government insist that only qualified Pandits should handle Tamil in the lower forms also?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : If specific instances where Tamil Pandits are not employed to handle Forms I to III are brought to the notice of the Government, necessary enquiries will be made.

DR. A. CHIDAMBARANATHAN : Will the Government be pleased to issue an order saying that it will be operative in respect of the future appointments at least?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Sir, I would like to have specific instances brought to the notice of the Government. I believe generally Tamil Pandits are available and they are appointed.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : In view of the importance of Tamil as it has become the official language of the State, would the Government appoint a committe to go into the question of qualified Pandits being given their due salaries?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Apart from Tamil being the official language, it is the mother tongue of the people here and it is the regional language. I do not think it is necessary to appoint a committee for the purpose.

SRI M. RAJAH IYER : The second grade teachers particularly this year are going through the gloomy prospect of retrenchment.

MR. CHAIRMAN : That is not a supplementary question. The hon. Member must put a question and not give information.

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : I would like to have notice, Sir.

MR. CHAIRMAN : But that was not a supplementary question.

Scales and measures

* 98 *Q.*—DR. A. CHIDAMBARANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any instructions have been issued to traders to make use of scales and measures bearing Hindi letters indicating the extent to which things can be weighed in the scales and measures; and

(*b*) if so, to place a copy on the table of the House?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : (*a*) Under Schedule VI of the Madras Weights and Measures (Enforcement) Rules, 1958, the capacity of weighing instruments which include also beam scales should be indicated in English and Hindi. Under Schedule V of

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Burning of Hindi edition of the Gazette

*111 S.N. *Q.*—DR. A. SREENIVASAN : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the burning of Hindi edition of the Gazette of the Union Government by a political party; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken or proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN (on behalf of the Hon. the Chief Minister) : (*a*) Yes, Sir.

(*b*) The demonstration did not evoke any public response and Government considered it best to ignore it.

DR. A. SREENIVASAN : Is it not a fact, Sir, that under the existing law, it is an offence for a private party to print the Government Gazette, and, if so what action did the Government take in the matter against the leader of the party for having printed a Hindi version of the Gazette for the purpose of burning it?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : Sir, there is also a principle of law that trivial things are not punished. Government think that it is a very trivial matter.

DR. A. SREENIVASAN : Sir, will this not give rise to other people committing the same offence if the Government were to ignore such offences, and is it not also a fact, Sir, that this person indulged in this act for the sake of creating a political stunt?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : Sir, if this becomes a contagion and more people engage themselves in such activities, Government will take serious notice of it.

DR. A. SREENIVASAN : Can they quote this as a precedent?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : Sir, the hon. Member should know that merely because some concession was shown or notice was not taken of a small incident, it cannot be pleaded as an excuse for committing the offence of a serious kind.

Motor vehicles tax

*112 *Q.*—SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) the amount of share given to each municipality annually from the proceeds of the motor vehicles tax; and

(*b*) when the percentage was fixed?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN (on behalf of the Hon. the Chief Minister) : (*a*) & (*b*) It is not a question of share but of compensation to the municipalities which were levying tolls or fees on licences granted to motor vehicles. A sum equivalent to the

(b) The Government have issued orders permitting the employment of one Grade I Tamil Pandit in each high school irrespective of the quantum of work. The question whether a reduced minimum should be prescribed to regulate the appointment of additional Pandits in Grade I is under consideration.

டாக்டர் அ. சிதம்பரநாதன்: ஐயா, இப்போது அமைச்சர் அவர்கள் அரசாங்க ஆணை அண்மையில் பிறப்பித்ததில் சில சூழ்நிலையில் 17 மணி அளவு வேலையில்லாமலும் முதனிலைச் சம்பளம் தமிழாசிரியர்கள் பெற முடியும் என்று தெரிவித்தார்கள். அந்த ஆணை தெளிவாக இல்லை என்பது பல மாவட்டங்களிலிருந்து அரசாங்கத்தின் கவனத்திற்குக் கொண்டுவரப்பட்டிருக்கிறதா? அந்த ஆணை சிறப்பாக மாவட்டக் கழகப் பள்ளிகளுக்கு (டிஸ்ட்ரிக்ட் போர்டு ஸ்கூல்) மாத்திரம்தான் பொருந்தும், தனியார் பள்ளிகளுக்குப் பொருந்தாது என்று சிலர் அதற்கு அர்த்தம் செய்கிறார்கள் என்பது அரசாங்கத்தின் கவனத்திற்கு வந்திருக்கிறதா?

கனம் திரு. எம். பக்தவத்சலம்: இந்த ஆணையைப்பற்றிய குறைபாடுகள் அரசாங்கத்தின் கவனத்திற்கு வரவில்லை. கனம் அங்கத்தினர் விளக்கமாக எழுதி அனுப்பினால், மேலே கவனம் செலுத்தி அதற்கு வேண்டியதைச் செய்யலாம்.

S.S.L.C. Public Examination

*122 Q.—Sri T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) the number of candidates appeared for the S.S.L.C. Public Examination held in March 1962 under (i) the New Scheme, and (ii) the Old Scheme; and

(b) the number of candidates appeared for Hindi, Sanskrit and Telugu under Part II of the New Language Scheme?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: (a) (i) 55,399.

(ii) 17,126.

(b) Hindi, 39,191; Sanskrit, 2,322; and Telugu, 25.

Sri T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN: From the figures given it will be found that out of nearly 70,000 students that appeared only 2,322 appeared in Sanskrit. It has gone down to such a terrible extent. Will the Government see that the study of that language is encouraged?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: Sir, Government will certainly do everything that could be done in order to encourage the study of Sanskrit. But this is under the three-language formula. Evidently and very correctly too, most students feel that they must learn Hindi and that it is to their advantage because it is the All-India language. Therefore, as many as 39,000 and odd take to Hindi.

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SRI T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN : Are the Government aware that the previous Minister for Education said that if during out-of-school hours Sanskrit was taught, the money spent on the salary of that teacher would be taken into account for the purpose of grant? If the Government issue such a circular, more students would take to the study of Sanskrit. Will the Government consider this?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : About the question of the study of Sankrit, I have had a discussion with the Secondary Board of Education, the Director of Public Instruction and Sri K. Balasubramanya Ayyar. Certain aspects have been examined and we will have to take further action after all aspects have been examined.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Do the Government think that it is not within their powers to revert to the old policy where Sanskrit occupied a place as the II Part of the First Language?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : This House has accepted the three-language formula according to which under this Part, Hindi or a language like Sanskrit or any other regional language—only one of these languages—could be taken. Unless we revise the three-language formula, I do not know how it will fit in—more hours or greater facilities for the study of Sanskrit—without coming into conflict with the provisions of the three-language formula.

District Board High Schools

* 123 Q.—SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN :
SRI M. RAJAH IYER :
VIDWAN T. MUTHUKANNAPPAN : } Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any proposal before the Government to take over the District Board High Schols in the State; and

(*b*) if so, the stage at which the matter stands?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) & (*b*) The District Boards having ceased to exist, the question of management of these former Board High Schools is under the examination of Government.

வித்துவான் டி. முத்துக்கண்ணப்பன் : ஐயா, இந்தக் கழக உயர்நிலைப் பள்ளிகளைப் பொறுத்தவரையில் இப்போதைய நிலையே நீடிக்கப்படுமா? அல்லது கல்வித் துறை அதிகாரிகள் கண்காணிக்கும் பொறுப்பில் விடப்படுமா?

கனம் திரு. எம். பக்தவத்சலம் : ஒவ்வொரு ஜில்லாவுக்கும் டிஸ்ட்ரிக்ட் எஜுகேஷன் ஆபீசர்கள் ஒவ்வொருவரை நியமித்து இதைக் கண்காணிக்கும் பொறுப்பை விடுவது என்பது அரசாங்கத்தின் யோசனை. சீக்கிரத்தில் அதற்கான உத்திரவு பிறப்பிக்கப்படும்.

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(*b*) if so, the stage at which the matter now stands?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) Yes, Sir.

(*b*) The proposed talks would be held in August–September next.

Hindi

* 148 *Q.*—SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any representation has been received recently from the students of the high schools in the City of Madras about the introduction of Hindi as a compulsory subject for the S.S.L.C. Public Examination; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken or proposed to be taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) No, Sir; but some representations were received in 1961.

(*b*) No action was considered necessary on the representation.

SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN : What is the present position of Hindi with regard to the S.S.L.C. Examination ?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : There is the examination. But there is no obligation on the part of the students to secure the minimum marks for eligibility to College course.

SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN : Will this condition be allowed to continue for some more years?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : I cannot say anything about the future. I can only explain what the present position is.

SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN : Sir, in view of the fact that high school students, specially those from the mufassal find it difficult to learn Hindi and get pass marks in it, will the Government see that this is continued for some more years to come?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Sir, the main question put by the hon. Member is about the representation made by certain students in favour of introduction of Hindi as a compulsory subject.

Newspapers

MR. CHAIRMAN : As the hon. Member Dr. A. Sreenivasan is not in his seat. the question and the answer thereto will be printed in the official report of the proceedings.

*149 *Q.*—DR. A. SREENIVASAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any proposal to enact a law protecting newspapers from prosecution in reporting the proceedings of the Legislature; and